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FOR ICS; STATE FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY AND ART ROSEN

SUBJ: ELECTRONIC DIALOG WITH AMBASSADOR ROBERT MCCLOSKEY

1. POST REQUESTS ELECTRONIC DIALOG WITH AMBASSADOR ROBERT MCCLOSKEY. HONG KONG PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE FOREIGN AND AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT MEMBERS OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB (FCC) AND INVITED ACADEMIC AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENT INFLUENTIALS. TIME FRAME IS FIRST HALF OF DECEMBER 1974. HONG KONG TERMINAL WOULD BE AT THE FCC AND WOULD BE FINAL EVENT CLUB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM. HAVE DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH EA/PAS ROSEN AS WELL AS FCC LEADERSHIP. LATTER EXPRESSED SPECIAL ENTHUSIASM ABOUT THE IDEA. FOLLOWING OUTLINES PROPOSED SUBJECT MATTER AND FORMAT.

2. POSSIBLE TOPICS: (A) RECALLING MR. MCCLOSKEY'S PERCEPTIVE AND FRANK SPEECH SOME YEARS AGO BEFORE THE WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN AND THE PRESS, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE AN IDEAL TOPIC FOR HIS AUDIENCE, AND HELP RESTORE BALANCE TO A SKEWED IMAGE IN SOME QUARTERS OF USG PRESS RELATIONS. (B) A SECOND TOPIC WOULD BE REVIEW OF AMERICAN POLICY IN EAST ASIA OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS. (C) THE THIRD TOPIC MIGHT BE ROUGHLY TITLED "THE CHANGING FACE OF DIPLOMACY" AND COULD COVER SOME OF THE PROBLEMS UNIQUE TO DIPLOMACY TODAY: SKYJACKING, TERRORISM, ENERGY, INFLATION, ETC. THE CHOICE -- OR COMBINATION -- OF TOPICS IS LEFT TO AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY.

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3. FORMAT: 1) TWENTY TO 30 MINUTE VIDEOCASSETTE OF MR. MCCLOSKEY,

INCLUDING ONE OR MORE WASHINGTON-BASED CLUB ALUMNI. SEVERAL NAMES ARE POSSIBILITIES: STEVE BEEL OF ABC, MARVIN OR BERNARD KALB OF CBS, AND ROLAND DALLAS OF REUTERS. (PAO DISCUSSED THE GENERAL CONCEPT WITH ART ROSEN AND MARVIN DURING RECENT VISIT.) DALLAS AND BELL JUST RECENTLY DEPARTED HONG KONG. 2) FOLLOWING PRE-RECORDED PORTION, WE PLAN 30-MINUTE TWO-WAY Q AND A SESSION BETWEEN HONG KONG AUDIENCE AND WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS.

4. TIMING: WEEK DAY DURING THE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER WOULD BE IDEAL. ED WOULD TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING 8 P.M. DINNER AT THE CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB. THE VIDEOCASSETTE WOULD BE SHOWN FROM 9:00 TO 9:30 LOCAL TIME, THEN TWO WAY CIRCUIT WOULD BE OPENED. TO ENJOY MAXIMUM SUCCESS, ED SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN EVENING HOURS HK TIME.

5. CONSUL GENERAL SUPPORTS THIS PROJECT AND HOPES ATTEND PROCEEDINGS.

6. ADVISE ASAP.  
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